

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, lines 7-10, please replace the first paragraph and substitute the following amended paragraph:

This application is a national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/US03/23043, filed on July 23, 2003, which claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C Section 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial. No. 60/398,373 filed on July 25, 2002, entitled "Cellular Materials and Structures for Blast and Impact Mitigation in Structures and related Method and System," the entire disclosures of which is-are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.